

5. (Amended) A process according to [any one of] claim[s 1 to] 4 wherein the fruit is a fruit piece having dimensions from about 2x2x2 mm to about 60x30x10 mm.

6. (Amended) A process according to [any one of] claim[s 1 to] 4 wherein the fruit is an apple piece which is rolled through a roller mill having a roller gap width from 5% to 20% of the average apple piece width.

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7. (Amended) A process according to [any previous] claim 1 wherein the fruit is a pear piece which is rolled through a roller of roller gap width equal to 35% to 45% of the piece width.

8. (Amended) A process according to [any previous] claim 1 wherein the fruit is a raisin which is rolled through a roller of roller gap width equal to 35% to 45% of the raisin width.

9. (Amended) A process according to claim [1 or] 2 wherein a water activity-controlled fruit product is produced within about thirty minutes to about four hours.

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Please the following new claims 10-17:

10. A process according to claim 1 wherein step (b) is provided by passing the fruit through a roller mill, by explosion puffing or toasting.

11. A process according to claim 3 wherein the fruit is a fruit piece having dimensions from about 2x2x2 mm to about 60x30x10 mm.

12. A process according to claim 2 wherein the fruit is a fruit piece having dimensions from about 2x2x2 mm to about 60x30x10 mm.

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13. A process according to claim 1 wherein the fruit is a fruit piece having dimensions from about 2x2x2 mm to about 60x30x10 mm.

14. A process according to claim 3 wherein the fruit is an apple piece which is rolled through a roller mill having a roller gap width from 5% to 20% of the average apple piece width.

15. A process according to claim 2 wherein the fruit is an apple piece which is rolled through a roller mill having a roller gap width from 5% to 20% of the average apple piece width.